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SUBJECT: MANSFIELD-MARCOS CONVERSATION AUGUST 19, 1975

1. AT CLOSE OF LUNCHEON WHICH PRESIDENT MARCOS GAVE FOR
SENATOR MANSFIELD AUGUST 19, PRESIDENT TOOK SENATOR ASIDE
FOR PRIVATE TALK WHILE ROMULO TOOK ME SEPARATELY TO DISCUSS
SUBJECTS I HAVE REPORTED IN SEPARATE MESSAGES. AFTER
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LEAVING PALACE, SENATOR TOLD ME THAT HIS CONVERSATION WITH

MARCOS CENTERED AROUND DISCUSSION OF US-RP SECURITY RELATIONS BUT TOUCHED ON OTHER MATTERS AS WELL.

2. ON SECURITY RELATIONS, SENATOR SAID HE HAD ASSURED MARCOS THAT U.S. CONGRESSIONAL VIEWS ON SECURITY OF PHILIPPINES AND ON NATURE OF U.S. COMMITMENT TO PHILIPPINES SHOULD NOT BE JUDGED BY U.S. CONGRESSIONAL ATTITUDE ON INDOCHINA. U.S. PEOPLE RECOGNIZE THAT U.S. IS A "PACIFIC POWER" AS DISTINCT FROM AN "ASIAN POWER" AND WOULD THEREFORE RECOGNIZE A SECURITY COMMITMENT TO THE PHILIPPINES. SENATOR SAID HE REGARDED OUR SECURITY RELATIONSHIP WITH PHILIPPINES AS CENTRAL TO OUR PACIFIC INTERESTS AND OUR BASES AS HIGHLY IMPORTANT.

3. ON BASES, MARCOS AGAIN INDICATED THAT HIS PRIME CONCERN WAS TO DEMONSTRATE PHILIPPINE SOVEREIGN INDEPENDENCE. HE WAS PREPARED TO BE FLEXIBLE IN RENEGOTIATIONS. SENATOR SAID HE HAD IMPRESSION U.S. EXECUTIVE ALSO PREPARED TO BE FLEXIBLE, BUT THAT CERTAIN ASSURANCES OF PHYSICAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE CONTROLS WERE REQUIRED. BOTH AGREED THAT RENEGOTIATION OUGHT TO BE FEASIBLE.

4. ON CHINA, MARCOS HAD LITTLE TO SAY EXCEPT TO REPEAT HOW IMPRESSED HE HAD BEEN WITH CHINESE ACCOMPLISHMENTS. ON SOVIET UNION, MARCOS SAID HE HAD PLANNED TO VISIT MOSCOW THIS MONTH, BUT "PROBLEMS" HAD DEVELOPED. WHEN SENATOR ASKED IF MARCOS WOULD GO NEXT YEAR, MARCOS WAS NON-COMMITTAL.

5. LUNCHEON, WHICH WAS ATTENDED BY ENTIRE MANSFIELD PARTY, PLUS SECRETARIES ROMULO, ENRILE, MELCHOR, PATERNO, AND TATAD, WAS PRECEDED BY VIDEO-TAPED "BRIEFING" ON RENEGOTIATION OF U.S. BASE AGREEMENTS, WHICH WAS ACCOMPANIED BY SLICK BROCHURE. LATTER, WHICH WAS PREPARED BY MELCHOR'S STAFF AND SEEN AT LUNCH FOR FIRST TIME BY ENRILE AND ROMULO, REPRESENTS MAXIMUM PHILIPPINE POSITION. COPIES AND COMMENTARIES WILL BE SENT TO DEPARTMENT. SULLIVAN

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